



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota is strengthened when good character and ethical leadership are encouraged and people make decisions that positively affect themselves and others; and

WHEREAS: Character education includes and complements a broad range of educational approaches such as social-emotional learning, civic education, service learning, and school climate improvement to assist youth in becoming caring, responsible, and contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS: Quality character education creates a culture that supports and challenges students and adults to strive for excellence; and

WHEREAS: Schools that embed high-quality character education into their curricula and culture find improved academic achievement, peer interaction, behavior, parental involvement, climate, and culture; and

WHEREAS: We celebrate schools with quality character education practices as well as programs that develop good character and ethical leadership, which together make a positive difference in the lives of Minnesotans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 25, 2017, as:

CHARACTER RECOGNITION DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 12th day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE